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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: ANION REGULATOR FOR
RUMINANTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-4, without prejudice toward the further prosecution of these claims in a Continuation and/or Divisional Application.

Please add the following new claims:

5. (New) A method for anion regulation in a ruminant, comprising feeding to a ruminant in need thereof a feed which comprises an effective amount of a neutral hydrochloride of an amino compound.

6. (New) The method of Claim 5, wherein said neutral hydrochloride of an amino compound is selected from the group consisting of lysine monohydrochloride, ornithine